

REMARKS

Claims 17-29 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 17, 19, 20 and 25-27 are amended, and claims 28 and 29 are added. Reconsideration based on the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

I. The Claims Satisfy Informalities

The Examiner objects to claims 17-19 and 25-27 because of an informality in claim 17. Accordingly, claim 17 is amended. Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Claims 25-27 Satisfy 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

The Office Action rejects claims 25-27 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as indefinite. Accordingly, claims 25-27 are amended. Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

III. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,075,316 to Shi et al. (hereinafter "Shi"); claims 18 and 20-27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Shi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,274,979 to Celii et al. (hereinafter "Celii").

Applicants respectfully assert that none of the applied art teaches, discloses or suggests a fluorine containing layer formed between the hole injection/transport layer and the light-emitting layer, as claimed in amended claim 17, and similarly claimed in amended claim 20. This feature is disclosed in the specification at least at paragraphs [0040] - [0041], and shown in Fig. 1(g)

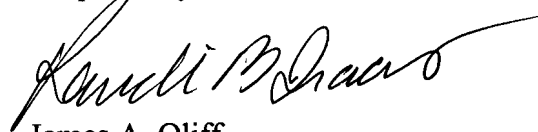
Further, Shi and Celii do not disclose a light-emitting layer formed by an ink-jet method on a fluorine containing layer as claimed in claims 28 and 29 and disclosed in the specification at paragraph [0013].

IV. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 17-29 define patentable subject matter, and the application is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102 and 35 U.S.C. §103 is respectfully requested. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 17-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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